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Classified By: DCM Virginia Blaser for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (C) On August 28, Polchief made ref A points to Ambassador Patrice Cure, head of the Multilateral Division at the Mauritian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Cure referred obliquely to his government's current lack of support for U.S. positions regarding Kosovo (see refs B to E), including on the issue of the Serbian attempt to refer the issue to the ICJ. He indicated no willingness by his government to reconsider the GOM stance on Kosovo.
- 12. (C) Comment: In other recent demarches on Kosovo, Cure continued to hold the GOM line connecting Kosovo to Chagos issues. It remains, therefore, that only the Prime Minister, who took on the Foreign Affairs portfolio when he fired his Foreign Minister many months ago, is in a position to break the GOM stated linkage between Kosovo and the Chagos Archipelago. Despite initial promising discussions last year, however, we have observed no willingness by the PM to change the GOM position, and believe any changes unlikely at this time. End Comment.